

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

MARCUS CAMPBELL,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Case No: 4:14-cv-00793-DGK
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE)	
MANAGEMENT, INC.,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

PROPOSED SCHEDULING AND TRIAL ORDER

Pursuant to Rules 16(b) and 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and upon consideration of the parties' views in the matter, the schedule below is hereby established.

Key Dates

1. Motions to join additional parties shall be filed on or before December 5, 2014.
2. Motions to amend the pleadings shall be filed on or before December 5, 2014.
3. Discovery motions shall be filed on or before February 13, 2015.
4. Discovery shall be completed on or before February 27, 2015.
5. Plaintiff's expert designations shall be filed on or before December 26, 2014.
6. Defendant's expert designations shall be filed on or before January 30, 2015.
7. Dispositive motions shall be filed on or before March 31, 2015.
8. Motions to strike expert designations shall be filed on or before April 17, 2015.
9. Motions in limine shall be filed twenty-one (21) days prior to the pretrial conference.
10. Deposition designations shall be filed fourteen (14) days prior to the pretrial conference.

11. Statement of uncontroverted facts; stipulation as to the admissibility of evidence; witness lists; exhibit lists; list of remaining claims; objections to deposition designations; and, deposition designations by party defending against an affirmative claim shall be filed seven (7) days prior to the pretrial conference.

12. The pretrial conference is scheduled to be held on September 3, 2015.

13. Jury instructions and voir dire questions shall be filed fourteen (14) days prior to trial.

14. Trial briefs shall be filed seven (7) days prior to trial.

15. The trial is scheduled to be held on September 30, 2015.

Amendment of Pleadings

1. Any motion to join additional parties shall be filed on or before December 5, 2014.

2. Any motion to amend the pleadings shall be filed on or before December 5, 2014.

Discovery

1. **Motions.** All discovery motions shall be filed two weeks prior to the final discovery deadline, on or before February 13, 2015. The Court will not entertain any discovery motion absent full compliance with Local Rule 37.1. Any discovery motion filed without complying with Local Rule 37.1 will be denied. **Except in extraordinary circumstances, problems with discovery which are not brought to the Court's attention in time for the opponent to make a proper response and the Court to make an informed ruling before the close of discovery will be waived.**

2. **Final Discovery Deadline.** All pretrial discovery authorized by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall be completed (not simply submitted) on or before February 27, 2015. Accordingly, all discovery requests and depositions shall be submitted, responded to, and/or

taken prior to the date specified in this paragraph and all disputed issues shall be brought to the Court's attention and resolved prior to this time.

3. **Expert Witnesses.** The plaintiff shall designate any expert witnesses he intends to call at trial on or before December 26, 2014, and the defendant shall designate any expert witnesses it intends to call at trial on or before January 30, 2015. This paragraph applies to all witnesses retained or non-retained from whom expert opinions will be elicited at trial.

4. **Affidavits for Experts.** Along with each party's designation of expert witnesses, each party shall provide the other parties with an affidavit from each expert witness designated pursuant to paragraph 3 of this section. The affidavit shall include a complete statement of all opinions to be expressed and the basis and reasons therefore, the data or other information considered by the witness in forming the opinions, any exhibits to be used as a summary of or support for the opinions, the qualifications of the witness (including a list of all publications authored by the witness within the preceding ten years), the compensation to be paid for the study and testimony, and a listing of any other cases in which the witness has testified as an expert at trial or by deposition within the preceding four years. Expert witnesses may testify only as to matters contained in the affidavit described above unless leave of Court is granted upon good cause shown.

5. **Treating Physicians.** With respect to treating physicians who will testify as to treatment provided, the requirements of paragraph 4 of this section may be satisfied by providing a copy of all the treating physician's files, records and notes relating to the treating physician's patient to the opposing party. For the purpose of this paragraph, a "treating physician" is a doctor (including psychiatrist, dentist or other practitioner of the healing arts) retained by a party prior to retaining counsel in this matter. A treating physician will not be allowed to give expert

testimony beyond the treatment provided by said physician unless designated as an expert as required under paragraph 3 of this section. A treating physician who will provide expert testimony beyond the treatment provided by said physician must further comply with the requirements of paragraph 4 of this section.

Motions

1. **Dispositive Motions.** All dispositive motions, except those under Rule 12(h)(2) or (3), shall be filed on or before March 31, 2015. All dispositive motions shall have a separate section wherein each statement of fact is individually numbered so that any party opposing such motion may refer specifically to a genuine issue of material fact. Suggestions in opposition to a dispositive motion shall begin with a concise listing of material facts as to which the party contends a genuine dispute exists. All motions for summary judgment shall comply with Local Rules 7.1 and 56.1.

2. **Daubert Motions.** All motions to strike expert designations or preclude expert testimony premised on Daubert v. Merrill Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 509 U.S. 579 (1993) shall be filed on or before April 17, 2015. The deadline for filing motions in limine does not apply to these motions. Failure to file a Daubert motion prior to this deadline will constitute a waiver of any arguments based on Daubert.

3. **Motions for Extension of Time.** All motions for extension of time pursuant to Rule 6(b) or Rules 31, 33, 34 and 36 must state:

- a. The date when the pleading, response or other action is/was first due;
- b. The number of previous extensions and the date the last extension expires;
- c. The cause for the requested extension, including a statement as to why the action due has not been completed in the allotted time; and

- d. Whether the requested extension is approved or opposed by opposing counsel (agreement by counsel of a requested extension is not binding on the Court).

Pretrial Conference & Filings Due Prior to Pretrial Conference

1. **Pretrial Conference.** A final pretrial conference in this case will be held at 2 p.m. on September 3, 2015, via telephone conference. The call shall be initiated by defendant's counsel. The Court's telephone number is 816-512-5602. Lead trial counsel shall participate in this conference. The agenda for this conference will include:

- a. Identification of facts not in dispute to which the parties will stipulate, in order to save trial time;
- b. Identification of legal and factual issues to be tried;
- c. Disposition of pending motions;
- d. Discussion of any legal questions which must be resolved prior to trial;
- e. Discussion of any suggestions by counsel to simplify and expedite the trial; and
- f. Discussion of the status and likely success of settlement negotiations.

2. **Pretrial Filings.** To improve the quality of trial through more thorough preparation, the attorneys and any pro se parties will meet and confer at least three (3) days prior to the deadlines contained in paragraphs c, d, e and f below to identify what is truly in dispute and to facilitate the admission of uncontroverted evidence.

- a. **Motions in limine.** Twenty-one (21) days prior to the pretrial conference, motions in limine shall be filed. Responses to motions in limine shall be filed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the pretrial conference.
- b. **Deposition Designations.** Fourteen (14) days prior to the pretrial conference, each party asserting claims for relief (plaintiff, third-party plaintiff, counterclaiming defendant, etc.) or asserting an affirmative claim shall file and serve a designation, by page and line number, of any deposition testimony to be offered in evidence as a part of that party's case.

Seven (7) days prior to the pretrial conference, each party defending against an affirmative claim for relief shall file and serve:

- i. Any objections to proposed deposition testimony designated by any other party;
- ii. A designation, by page and line number, of any deposition testimony to be offered as cross-examination to deposition testimony designated by other parties; and
- iii. A designation, by page and line number, of any deposition testimony to be offered in evidence as part of that party's case-in-chief in connection with such defense.

On or before the date of the pretrial conference, each party shall serve, file and deliver to all other parties its objections to any deposition testimony designated pursuant to subparagraphs ii. and iii. above.

- c. **Stipulation of Uncontroverted Facts.** Seven (7) days prior to the pretrial conference, stipulation of uncontroverted facts shall be filed. If no stipulated facts can be agreed upon, including facts related to the Court's subject matter jurisdiction, the parties shall file a joint statement to that effect. Notwithstanding the fact that the time for discovery will have closed, a request to stipulate, if preserved in the record, will constitute a request for admission under Rule 36 and failure to stipulate may be subject to sanctions under Rule 37(c).
- d. **Stipulation as to the Admissibility of Evidence.** Seven (7) days prior to the pretrial conference, stipulation as to the admissibility of evidence shall be filed when the identification and foundation of the exhibit is not contested. Notwithstanding the fact that the time for discovery will have closed, a request to stipulate, if preserved in the record, will constitute a request for admission under Rule 36 and failure to stipulate may be subject to sanctions under Rule 37(c).
- e. **Witness Lists.** Seven (7) days prior to the pretrial conference, pursuant to Local Rule 39.1, witness lists shall be filed. Each party shall file and serve a list of all witnesses who may be called at trial. If a witness is not listed by a party, that witness will not be permitted to testify absent leave of Court and then only for the purpose of unanticipated rebuttal or impeachment. No supplemental or amended witness lists will be allowed without leave of Court and for good cause.
- f. **Exhibit Lists.** Seven (7) days prior to the pretrial conference, pursuant to Local Rule 39.1, exhibit lists shall be filed. Each party will file and serve a list of all exhibits which may be offered at trial. Additionally, each party shall make its exhibits available for inspection by the other parties prior to the pretrial conference. The parties shall also prepare and provide to the

courtroom deputy an exhibit index, with said index being prepared on a form provided by the clerk's office. Each exhibit will be designated as either "Plaintiff's" or "Defendant's." Plaintiff shall number his exhibits beginning with the number one. Defendant shall number its exhibits beginning with the number 501. If an exhibit consists of more than one (1) page or part, the number of pages or parts shall be included in the description on the exhibit index. It is not necessary to list exhibits to be used only for impeachment or rebuttal purposes. Failure to list an exhibit or to disclose an exhibit to adverse counsel as required by this order will result, except upon a showing of good cause, in the non-admissibility of the exhibit into evidence at the trial. No supplemental or amended list of exhibits will be allowed without leave of Court and for good cause.

- g. **Remaining Claims.** Seven (7) days prior to the pretrial conference, each party shall file a schedule of claims, counterclaims and affirmative defenses that remain outstanding, along with the elements of each claim, citing authority for such elements.

Trial and Filings due Prior to Trial

1. **Trial.** This case is scheduled for a two-day jury trial commencing at 8:00 a.m. on September 30, 2015, at the United States Courthouse in Kansas City, Missouri.

2. **Trial Filings.** The following documents shall be filed prior to trial:

- a. **Jury Instructions.** Fourteen (14) days prior to trial, the parties shall jointly* submit an original (without sources) and an annotated (with sources) set of proposed jury instructions. Proposed annotated instructions shall reflect the authorities upon which the instruction is based and should be taken from or drawn in the manner of Model Civil Jury Instructions for the District of Courts of the Eighth Circuit and/or Missouri Approved Instructions (MAI) where available and appropriate. All instructions shall be designated as "Instruction No. ____" without indicating which party proposed the instruction.

*The Court prefers to receive joint instructions from the parties. Separate instructions are appropriate only when the parties cannot agree upon a specific instruction. In that instance, counsel shall state in writing the reason for the objection with authority cited as well as an alternative instruction. The deadline for submitting objections and alternative proposed instructions is fourteen (14) days before the date of trial.

Parties shall also submit instructions electronically to the courtroom deputy. The instructions should be typed in **Microsoft Word** format.

- b. **Voir Dire.** Fourteen (14) days prior to trial, counsel for each party shall file a list of proposed questions or topics for voir dire examination to be propounded by the Court.
- c. **Trial Brief.** Seven (7) days prior to trial, counsel for each party shall file a trial brief stating the factual and legal contentions for the party for whom the trial brief is filed. The trial memorandum shall contain: a general statement of the case, citation of the authority upon which the party relies on unresolved legal issues, a general statement of the evidence to be offered, and a statement of any evidentiary or procedural problem expected to arise, with citations of authority.

3. **Trial Procedure.** The Court will place time limits on opening statements and direct and cross-examination of all witnesses. You should be prepared to support your representations as to the length of trial.

4. **Trial Rules.** In order to ensure the efficient use of time during trial, the following rules of Court will be imposed:

- a. All legal issues must be raised in advance of trial by written motions and in accordance with the scheduling order of this Court;
- b. Motions will not be heard during trial without a strong showing that counsel could not, by due diligence, have raised them sooner;
- c. Testimony will not be interrupted to deal with evidentiary matters that could have been heard in advance of trial. The Court will consider those matters during recess, at noon break, or at the end of the day. Counsel should be prepared with written authority for their positions; and
- d. Witnesses who will be testifying from exhibits or about exhibits should review them immediately prior to their testimony.

Failure to Appear/Comply

Failure of any pro se party or counsel to appear at any scheduled final pretrial conference, or otherwise to comply with the provisions of this order, may result in dismissal or default, as may be appropriate.

Parties' Discovery Plan per Local Rules 16.1(d) and 26.1(c)

1. **Initial Disclosures.** The parties will exchange the disclosures required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1) by October 30, 2014.

2. **Planned Discovery.** The parties have not yet conducted discovery. The parties intend to issue written discovery and depose individuals identified in the parties' initial disclosures. Due to the straightforwardness of this case, the parties agree that discovery should not be conducted in phases. The parties plan to conduct discovery on the following topics:

- a. Plaintiff's debt at issue in this lawsuit, including the status and balance of that debt since its origination and Defendant's affiliation with the debt;
- b. Defendant's request, if any, for Plaintiff's credit information from credit reporting bureaus, including its purpose in requesting such information; and
- c. Plaintiff's communications regarding the debt.

3. **Protective Order.** The parties agree that there will be a need for discovery to be governed by a protective order. If the parties agree concerning the scope and form of such a protective order, Plaintiff and Defendant's counsel will confer and then submit a jointly proposed protective order by November 12, 2014. If the parties disagree concerning the scope or form of a protective order, the party or parties seeking such an order shall file an appropriate motion and supporting memorandum by November 12, 2014.

4. **Limits on Discovery.** The parties agree that there will be a maximum of 3 depositions taken by Plaintiff and 3 by Defendant. Each deposition shall be limited to 4 hours, except for Plaintiff's deposition, which may not exceed 7 hours; if a corporate representative is to appear on behalf of a Defendant, all designated persons for the topics requested under Rule 30(b)(6) shall count as one of the 3 depositions.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On October 30, 2014, the foregoing was filed electronically with the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, with notice of case activity generated and sent to all registered parties, and a copy was served via electronic mail to:

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